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**TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**  
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**THE INDIANA CASE.**  
The report of the important legal decision, delivered yesterday by the Supreme Court in the famous Indiana conspiracy case, appears elsewhere in our columns to-day, and is of the utmost interest at this particular time.

## INCREASE OF THE SALARIES OF CLERKS.

We understand that the clerks of the several Executive Departments have asked Congress to increase their pay to such an extent that they can keep their souls and their bodies together. Senators and Representatives, when they were getting \$3,000 a year for an average of six months' service in a year, increased their own pay \$2,000, or two-fifths. They said the enhanced cost of the price of living required it. In behalf of the clerks in the Departments, who have quite as large families to support and proportionate obligations to discharge, we appeal to Senators and Representatives to do as well by clerks for twelve months' service in a year as they have done by themselves for six months' service.

We hear that Mr. STEVENS will agree to an increase of the pay of clerks of 33 1/3 per cent., but that Senator FENIMORE will not agree to an increase of over 25. Now let us strike the Congressional chord of two-fifths, or 40 per cent. increase on existing pay, reaching back to the commencement of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1866, (just where the back pay of Congress was made to reach to,) and we shall get at something like exact justice and fair play in the premises.

That the clerks in the Departments having families cannot support themselves comfortably upon the salaries they are obtaining now, is perfectly well known. Some of them are severely suffering for the want of the means to obtain food and clothing. They have appealed to Congress, and we feel bound to second that appeal with all the emphasis we can command.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL AND MILITARY STAFF.

The official organization of THE PRESIDENT'S civil and military staff is as follows:  
Private Secretary—Colonel ROBERT JOHNSON.

Assistant Private Secretary—Colonel ROBERT MORROW.

Secretary to Sign Land Patents—EDWARD D. NEILL, Esq.

Aide-de-Camp—Colonel W. G. MOORE, Colonel WRIGHT RYAN, Colonel ANDREW K. LONG.

## "HONORABLE" DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE.

In alluding to JOHN MORRISSEY and FERNANDO WOOD the New York Tribune designated them as "Mr. MORRISSEY and Honorable Mr. WOOD." This is accidental sarcasm on Wood.

## PERSONAL.

PRESIDENT ROBERTS, of the Fenian persuasion, is in town.

ROBERT TAYLOR, formerly chief of police of Boston, died on Thursday evening.

THURLOW WOOD arrived at Willard's last evening.

HON. TIMOTHY DAVIS, of Boston, arrived in the city last evening and is at Willard's.

GOV. CURTIS has signed the Pennsylvania boom bill, passed at the last session of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. FLORENCE began an engagement at De Bar's Theatre, in St. Louis, last evening.

ALBERT H. ARMOUR, a graduate of Yale College, and Miss Eddy, a young lady friend, were drowned at Passaic, N. J., on Thursday night, by breaking through the ice while skating.

HANRIET HOSMER's model for the Freedmen's monument to Abraham Lincoln has been received in Boston. The commission has accepted the model. It represents various memorable events in the life of Mr. Lincoln and in the war. Miss Hosmer considers it the best work of her life.

## Wall's Opera House.

We are sure that every one of the audience who witnessed the first representation last night of "Adrienne, or the Duel in the Mist," will unite in praising the play, the manner in which it was enacted, the beautiful effects produced by the scenery, machinery and properties. Some of the actors require a little more familiarity with the text and things, but dead-letter perfection cannot be expected in the first representation of a new play.

To-night the piece will be produced in a style that will challenge the criticism of the most astute, while it elicits the admiration of all who witness it.

## National Theatre.

Messrs. SPALDING & RAYLEY's theatre was filled to its fullest capacity last night, on the occasion of Mr. JEFFERSON's waking up from his twenty years' sleep in "Rip Van Winkle." He will wake up this evening in the same place.

Business of Captain Meade, of the Navy.

We regret to learn that Captain RICHARD W. MEADE, United States Navy, brother of Major General MEADE, is lying dangerously ill in this city, from a stroke of paralysis.

HEIRS WANTED.—REDDEN & CO., of this city, have prepared, and are publishing at great expense a list of the heirs of unclaimed property in Europe. The low price at which the lists are furnished—75 cents—will place them within the reach of all. See their notice to heirs in another column.

On Thursday night, while Griswold opens house in Troy was crowded at a tableaux entertainment, the building took fire from a heater in the basement, and smoke found its way to the audience room. A scene of loud excitement at once prevailed. The audience hastened out—a great many being crabs in their seats. Several ladies fainting away, and a number lost valuable garments. Three or four women jumped out of a back story window. The flames were extinguished without damage.

## IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

The Constitutionality of Military Commissions for the Trial of Citizens not in Military or Naval Service.

Majority and Dissenting Opinions of the Court.

In the Supreme Court yesterday the opinion of the court was delivered in the case of MILLIGAN, BOWLES and HORSKY, familiarly known as the Indiana conspiracy case, involving, among other questions, the constitutionality of military commissions for the trial of citizens not in the military or naval service.

The case came up from Indiana on a certificate of division of opinion, under the act of 1862—the two judges sitting in the case being unable to agree.

The certificate from the court below presented three points, the first two having reference to the power of the Circuit Court to grant writs of habeas corpus in this particular case. The third and important question was the jurisdiction of a military commission to try and punish a citizen not in the military or naval service, for an offence committed in the State of Indiana, where the ordinary courts of justice were open and in the full exercise of their functions.

The Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court to issue the writs of habeas corpus in these cases, and denied the jurisdiction of a military commission to try a citizen under such circumstances.

In the argument of the case Mr. GARFIELD opened with a general and able argument, covering the whole ground, but the great constitutional argument in the case was made by Mr. Attorney General BLAKE. Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, of New York, also discussed the whole case in an able and lawyer-like manner. On the part of the Government, Attorney General SHERMAN and Mr. B. F. BUTLER maintained the ultra doctrine of the power of military commissions over all such cases, "to save the life of the nation."

HON. HENRY J. STANBURY, special counsel for the Government, confined himself chiefly to the power of the Supreme Court to review a proceeding in a circuit court, and maintained, upon a review of all the authorities, that the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court upon a certificate of division of opinion was, by the act of 1802, limited to cases *inter partes*, and that a proceeding *ex parte*, like that in a petition for habeas corpus, was not within the purview of the said act. This position of Mr. STANBURY was also unanimously overruled by the opinion delivered to-day.

The dissenting opinion delivered by Chief Justice CHASE for himself and Justices WAYNE, SWAYNE and MILLER, was devoted chiefly to denying and controverting the opinion of the majority of the court upon the third question certified from the court below, namely, the jurisdiction of military commissions, which jurisdiction the opinion of the majority denied under the provisions of the Constitution itself for the protection of the life, liberty and property of the citizen, while the Chief Justice and the brethren who concurred with him, based their denial of such jurisdiction upon the absence of any congressional legislation conferring it; maintaining that the power to declare war and to govern the army and navy and the militia when in actual service, involved the power to create military tribunals for the trial of citizens in such cases, even though the ordinary courts of law were open.

The opinion of the court was delivered by Mr. Justice DAVIS, in the presence of a crowded court room.

## An Experiment with Freedmen.

JOSEPH E. DAVIS, of Mississippi, having been pardoned by THE PRESIDENT, and an order issued for the restoration of his property, consisting of two plantations, at the end of the present year, has leased the said properties for a term of years to B. T. MONTGOMERY and his associates, colored people. T. J. WOOD, the officer commanding the Federal troops in that section, in speaking of this action on the part of Mr. DAVIS, says: "This noble and wise charity, and judicious business arrangement, is hailed as a most favorable omen of the introduction of such arrangements for the cultivation of the soil as will tend largely to the improvement of the interests of both the white and black races of the State."

The leader of the association, B. T. MONTGOMERY, once a slave of Mr. DAVIS, in his circular to the colored people, with reference to the projected enterprise, announces that he intends to organize a community composed exclusively of colored people, and "Hopes by the pursuit of agriculture, horticulture, and manufacturing and mechanical arts, as well as the raising of stock, to attain as much prosperity and happiness as are consistent with human nature. Regarding the suffrage question as of doubtful and political topics as more likely to excite contention and ill-feeling than harmony in the community, such discussion will be discouraged. In their dealings the members of the community will aim to be strictly just, and hope their humble efforts will be regarded with charity and generosity by those of superior knowledge and position, whose good opinion it will be their earnest endeavor to serve."

OUTWITTED BY THE MEXICAN.—The Mexicans have the reputation of being the shrewdest diplomats in the world. They certainly will draw up the nearest papers, put it most beautifully in black and white, and sign it with more flourishes than any other people we met of. The only people who can approach them in the careful wording of sentences, and in penmanship, are said to be the Persians and Arabs. The only reason we can give for this superiority is, that they are always cool—cool as handle. No word, no sound, nor stroke of the pen shows agitation or excitement. In this way they put forth the hero of Lundy's Lane, and sent the Americans home with flees in their ears. So, a few days ago, on the Rio Grande, they outwitted Gen. Sedgwick, and got him first to help Escobedo outside of Matamoros, and then Canales inside; drew these remarkable letters out of him and Sheridan; and then the two put their heads together and turned against him and the United States, like a couple of rattlesnakes. You never find a Mexican asleep, nor off his guard, nor excited; and if you ever do catch him at all, like the Dutchman's flea, he isn't there.

—New Orleans Picayune.

## Pen, Penell and Reissner.

The will of the late Sylvester Packard, of Boston, bequeaths two hundred thousand dollars to Tufts College, of Somerville.

SILVSTER PACKARD will feed his ancient grudge against the word "white" during the holidays.

A CHERNOBYL, in addressing a prayer in behalf of universal suffrage without regard to race, color, age or sex, said: "Paradoxical as it may seem to those, oh Lord, it is nevertheless true."

St. JOHN'S DAY occurs this year on the 27th inst. According to ancient usage, the annual election for officers in all Masonic bodies must take place previous to that time.

THAD. STEVENS entertains the same contempt for the Constitution, when it stands in the way of his political schemes, that a sharp-shooted rail does for a thin pine board between himself and a rich estate.

We understand that among the applicants for attacks to the New Orleans riot investigating committee, was one from a long, curly haired individual, as Post Laurence, but the committee didn't see it in that light.

NOTHING has been heard from Louis Fox, the missing billiard-player, of Rochester. His friends are very much alarmed by his threatened absence, and it is proposed to have the sheriff offer a reward.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser says that the result of a recent bill to amend the educational qualification for the District of Columbia suffrage bill is to be found in the remark of Mr. Sumner, that that "would not secure the necessary voting force."

A STORY is told of a mother who sent her own daguerotype to a "midnight meeting" in London, hoping that her abandoned daughter might see it and repent. The picture was passed around in several meetings, until at last it met the eye for which it was intended, and the guilty girl broke into tears, and set out at once for the home of her childhood.

An English jury has decided that when a man who is smoking in a railway car, refuses to remove his cigar at the request of his fellow passengers, they have the right to knock it out of his mouth; and the judge thought that the blowing of tobacco smoke in the face of a fellow passenger might be considered an assault.

GEN. KILPATRICK, United States Minister to Chili, was married November 31, to Signorita Leonila Valdivia, cousin of the Chilean Minister of War, and niece of the famous Gen. Carrera, whose memory is highly revered in that country. The Secretary of War and State acted as his groomsmen. The lady is said to be very beautiful and accomplished, and belongs to one of the best families of the Republic. Her sister Amelia was, on the 15th of December, to be married to Gen. Victor, aide-de-camp of the United States Legation. The last-named were to leave for Philadelphia immediately after.

AN ACCOUNT of the disaster to the Kate Dyer says that just as the ill-fated ship was sinking, with her plankton net under, and her masts falling around her in confusion, a large Newfoundland dog was noticed leaping from the main deck after the body of a boy who was buffeting the waves. Bouncing the body upward, the noble animal swam for the Scotland, but such was the violence of the sea that the dog lost his hold, and the body sank simultaneously with the ship. The dog is said to have been rescued by the sailors of the Scotland.

CHICAGO can boast of three skating parks and two rinks now. A year ago such a thing as a skating rink here. On the 15th of December last, the first one, the Wabash Avenue Rink, was opened, and every one prophesied that it would be a failure—that it was too small, that the ice could not be kept from melting, etc., but the show at Christmas, which drew the ice on the park, did not at all affect that in the rink—and henceforward "rinks" were favorites in Chicago. So well did the Wabash Avenue Rink succeed last winter, that it encouraged others to follow the lead of Mr. Harvey, an Eastern man, the manager; and this year a very large and elegant one has been erected on the "West Side." It has a skating surface of 16,000 square feet, a seating capacity of 3,000 persons, and cost \$3,000. It is lighted up with two hundred gas jets, has cloak-rooms, refreshment tables, ladies' parlors, etc.—in short, is a first-class rink. The other parks "The Central" and the "Ogden"—are also good-sized ones, and will, no doubt, be well patronized.

## A Decidedly Irish Bull.

Mr. Roberts, the Fenian President, has written to Col. Lynch: "I regret to tell you that I do not believe you are to be hanged." He believes that Col. Lynch's execution would result in the conquest of Canada by the Irish. This is a very patriotic and a very correct view of the matter. The following is the letter of Mr. Roberts:

SIR: Your letter requesting that I should have sent to Washington affidavits of your military conduct, and that the Irish republican army has been received, and you therein complied with, in the case of Captain Fitzpatrick, and I will also write to Gen. O'Neil on the subject. I regret to tell you that I do not believe you are to be hanged. So great a crime upon a non-combatant like yourself and against humanity could make every true Irishman in America a Fenian, and furnish our exchequer with the necessary means to clear Canada of English authority—in short, a consummation devoutly to be wished; and therefore I regret to tell you that you are not to be hanged. It would be a glorious death for you, and a life that will otherwise pass away in vain, a few years hence, would become an honored portion of the history of our race, and of the age we live in. But whatever be your fate, pray God that you will not act a brave and dauntless part to the last. Remember that you will not alone represent your own weak nature in the position in which you are placed, but your country and your race, and though much I regret that you are in the power of bloodthirsty foes, I still trust and hope that under any and all circumstances you will make your countrymen proud of your name. I remain yours, very sincerely, WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, President of the Fenian Brotherhood.

To B. B. LYNCH, Esq., Toronto, C.W.

THE SHOE TRADE.—The Toronto (Mass.) Gazette says that there has been an almost entire suspension of shoe business there during the month of November, the whole sales amounting to only about \$265,000. The Government tax assessed in the smallest for any month for three or four years, and the prospect now is that that of December will be less. Manufacturers have curtailed their business very materially. There does not appear to be a large stock on hand, but the increased facilities for manufacturing by machinery will enable manufacturers to furnish all that may be needed at short notice. The wages of workmen are somewhat reduced, and they are much in demand. A reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent. in the wages of the workmen has been made by the shoe manufacturers in North Bridgewater, but not so much in Haverhill.

The old pistol with which Col. Richard M. Johnson killed the great Indian warrior Tecumseh at the battle of Tippecanoe, was sold last week to Mr. Lloyd McDewick, by Capt. John H. Allen, auctioneer, at the sale of Mr. P. Nowlin, of this city. Col. Johnson presented Mr. N. with the pistol shortly after the famous battle.—Wyetville (Va.) Dispatch.

## TELEGRAMS.

The National Republican.

By the United States and European News Company.

## FROM EUROPE BY CABLE.

## THE SAXON KING ON A VISIT.

THE FENIANS STILL QUIET.

## THE SEARCH FOR ROBERTS.

THE WHOLE IRISH COAST GUARDED.

## AUSTRIA PUTS HER FOOT DOWN.

## THE POPE INVITED TO AMERICA.

## A Prospect of His Acceptance.

## RUMORS ABOUT MAXIMILIAN.

## General Grant Returning Home.

## THE LATE SNOW STORM.

## THIRTY CAPTIVE AFTER A YEAR'S SEARCH.

## DEATHS FROM EXPLOSIONS.

## THE MARKETS.

## News by the Cable.

BERLIN, Dec. 17, 1 o'clock, p. m.—The King of Saxony is the guest of the King of Prussia, and is receiving every attention.

VENICE, Dec. 17, 1 o'clock, p. m.—It is stated that Austria has refused to comply with the wishes of the Pesth Diet.

LONDON, Dec. 17, noon.—Consols, 89; 5-20's, 71 1/4; Erie, 47 1/2; Illinois, 77 3/4. Cotton has advanced to 14 1/4; sales, 20,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17, 1 o'clock, p. m.—The steamship Alleppo arrived here this forenoon.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 1 o'clock, p. m.—There was no rising of the Fenians in Ireland yesterday, as was threatened, and all is quiet there to-day. The fears of any serious trouble have all come passed away. Jas. Stephens, the chief organizer of the Irish republic, is still at large, and all continues in mystery as to his whereabouts.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 17—1 p. m.—U. S. 5-20's are quoted at 75 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17—1 p. m.—The London and Antwerp petroleum markets are reported this forenoon as unchanged.

VENICE, Dec. 17.—The Emperor, after counselling with his Ministers on the propositions made to him by the Hungarian Diet, has decided that they are of too radical a nature to be countenanced. He has accordingly refused to entertain them, and an Imperial communication has been forwarded to the Hungarian Diet on the subject. This refusal is couched in severe terms, and intimates that the Government of the Empire will be strictly enforced throughout the whole of the Emperor's dominions for the best interests and welfare of His Majesty's subjects.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The invitation from leading dignitaries of the Catholic Church in the United States, extending to the Pope an urgent request for his Holiness to visit that country, has been received and is under consideration. There is some probability of its being accepted.

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that the Emperor Maximilian was detained in Mexico against his will, and that he is virtually a prisoner under the surveillance of the French officials, who are said to be acting under orders from the French Emperor, as the latter fears complicity may arise from his (Maximilian's) hasty withdrawal.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 17.—A report has been circulated here that James Stephens, the chief organizer of the threatened Fenian rebellion, had been arrested by English detectives while attempting to make his way into Ireland; but the Government officials deny the statement, and are as earnestly searching all suspected persons as they have been for the past two months. Up to this point Stephens has not been seen by any of the coast guard or the police. Rumors are rife that he failed to reach Ireland, and has gone to Havre to await a favorable opportunity to take passage on some small vessel for the northern part of Ireland. The whole coast of Ireland is now under the rigid scrutiny of English gunboats and a largely augmented force of the coast guard in small boats.

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Advices from all parts of the island up to noon to-day report all quiet, and there are no prospects of any immediate disturbances. Patrols of troops have been established in the most disaffected localities. The number of arrests made during the last few days have been on the increase.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Gen. Almon, the Minister of the Imperial Government of Mexico to the French Government, has received a telegram from Mexico by the Atlantic telegraph cable, stating that the Emperor Maximilian will remain in that country as long as God gives him strength.

## COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Evening.—The cotton market closed firm at the advance quoted to-day. Tallow market firm. Bad stuffs market quiet and unchanged.

No alteration to note in provision market. Petroleum, market steady; sales of refined at 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cts. 8d.

## FINANCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Evening.—The money market continues easy. Consols closed at 89 for money. Closing quotations of American securities, 5-20's, 71 1/4; Erie, 47 1/2; Illinois Central, 77 3/4.

## Heavy Robbery.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 17.—Mr. Lowerhoup, of Helena, Arkansas, was robbed last night on the steamer Ned Tracey of \$25,000. The money was sewed in his coat, which the thieves abstracted from under his pillow. No clue to the robbers.

## Philadelphia Weather.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—5 p. m.—Thermometer, 36 deg. Wind West. Weather cloudy and cold.

## From Canada.

OTTAWA, C. W., Dec. 17.—Mr. Patrick, the American Consul, has resigned. Mr. Mehan, of Albany, has been appointed in his place. The latest intelligence from England fully confirms the expectation of an early completion of the work of conference on confederation.

It is stated that no writ will be issued for new elections to fill vacancies in the present Parliament, as it is almost certain a general election under the new Constitution will take place within six months.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The Secretary of the Board of Trade has had an interview with the Charlottetown Board in relation to the establishment of a new line of steamers, to run between Montreal and New Brunswick next season.

A preliminary meeting has been held to form a joint stock company for the erection of a new hotel, on a scale of great magnificence.

## From Richmond.

RICHMOND, Dec. 17.—The military commission for the trial of Dr. Watson, of Rockbridge, and others, will convene in the United States court-room in this city next Wednesday.

H. B. Lewis, a grand nephew of Gen. Washington, tried in King George county, for the murder of Dr. Bole, was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for three years.

Weather clear. The snow which fell Saturday night is rapidly disappearing.

The Senate ordered the engrossment of the bill amending the usury law. It authorizes ten per cent. interest.

The Senate also concurred in the House resolution for a recess till January 3.

The bill incorporating the Virginia Express Company with special privileges finally passed both Houses.

## Charges Not Sustained.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The papers in connection with the court-martial appointed to investigate the charges against Lieut. Colonel Denis have been published. There are six specified charges brought against him, the principal one being that of "disgraceful and cowardly conduct while in command of the Canadian volunteers before Fort Erie on the 24 of June." The court declared the charges not sustained, and honorably acquitted Col. Denis.

The shareholders of the Buffalo and Lake Huron railroad, at a meeting in London, England, have approved and accepted the act to amalgamate with the Grand Trunk.

The discount on American invoices for the week is 27 per cent.

## From Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Dr. J. Fales, the oldest resident physician in East Boston, died on Saturday morning, of heart disease, aged 68 years.

The Charleston Fenian Circle held an enthusiastic meeting Friday night, and received quite large contributions of money and numerous recruits. Among the speakers were Ely Walker, the colored representative elect to the Legislature from that city.

## From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—The board of army officers recently assembled at Jefferson barracks adjourned yesterday. They will recommend repairs and alterations at that post.

Gen. Grant will arrive here to-morrow from St. Louis, and proceed to Washington to-morrow night.

Gen. Butterfield inspected the Newport barracks to-day, and will leave for the East this evening.

## The Weather, &amp;c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, noon.—Thermometer 37 degrees, wind west. Weather clear and pleasant.

New York, Dec. 17.—Arrived, steamer Havana, from New Orleans.

The storm still continues here, with snow falling.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Snow had fallen last night to the depth of three inches, when, at 11 o'clock, it turned into rain.

## Fires.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—There was a fire at Crook and Pollock's woolen mill at seven o'clock this evening, entirely destroying the dye house. Loss \$8,000.

Mr. Jacob Tyson's stable, corner of Cumberland and Armist streets, Germantown, was destroyed by fire at about half-past six o'clock this evening. Two valuable horses were burnt to death. Loss unknown.

## Death from Boiler Explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The boiler of J. D. Brown's Planing Mill, on Floyd street, collapsed two times this morning, driving the boiler a considerable distance through a stable, killing Mr. Hand, watchman, one mule, and more or less injuring several negroes and mules in the stable.

## The Snow Storm in Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Dec. 17.—The snow which fell on Saturday was the deepest ever known in Kansas at this season. It is eight inches deep here, and is much deeper west.

Over ten thousand beef cattle passed Fort Scott, Kansas, in the past ten days, en route to a Northern market.

## Capture of Robbers.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The Republican's Mexico (Mexico) correspondent, says Detective Thos. R. Vauters arrested Charles and Eugene Hamilton, alias Dr. Livingston and Prof. Lewis, in El Paso, November 26th, on the charge of robbing the bank of Hochgrafe & Co., of Elkhorn, Wis., of \$160,000. These men have been steadily pursued for thirteen months.

## Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—The Buffalo Union Iron Works, situated on Buffalo creek in the western part of this city, were destroyed by fire this a. m. Among the principal owners were Magness, of Bath, Borden, of Troy; O. P. Wadsworth, and Evan & Palmer, of Buffalo. Loss, \$250,000. Insurance, \$200,000.

## A Branch Railroad Advertised.

WYOMING, C. W., Dec. 17.—The Wyoming and Petrolia Branch railway was opened for traffic this morning. Connections are made with every train on the London and Samia branch, making four trains each way to and from Petrolia daily.

## The Virginia Debt.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—The House to-day adopted the anti-repudiation resolutions reported last week and instructed the Finance Committee to report a bill modifying or repealing the usury law.

## Heavy Fall of Snow.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—There was a heavy fall of snow here yesterday. It is two feet deep in some places. It did not extend over thirty miles west. The weather to-day is mild and pleasant.

## The New Storm Arrives in New Brunswick.